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## LOCAL NEWS.

—The 5th, Sunday meeting at Cove Creek Church was largely attended.

The hogs and other stock should be taken off the streets at once. Don't fail to do this.

—B. B. Dougherty has taken the public school at Blowing Rock and will teach three months.

—Prof. Francum, County Supt., will be in Boone on the 10th, of this month to examine teachers. All teachers should attend.

—We made a mistake last issue about the marriage of John Hodges and Susie Green. We ought to have said Julia Green.

—S. W. Boyden has recovered from a spell of fever and is at work again. He was not mentally deranged as reported. We are glad to hear this.

—Grant Hodges, a worthy young man and teacher, has closed his school at Cool Spring and will enter school at Globe Academy.

—W. L. Bryan and Jas. D. Council had the luck to kill a fine buck the other day in their hunt on the east side of the Blue Ridge in Caldwell county.

—R. C. Rivers, publisher of the DEMOCRAT, is on a visit to his uncle, Dr. Rhea in Johnson county Tenn. We hope Bob will have a pleasant trip, for he has had a very close time for the last twelve months.

—Says the Lenoir Topic: Mrs. S. J. Brawley, of Mooresville, came to Lenoir Saturday night, on her way over to Boone to visit the family of her father, Capt. E. F. Lovill, but the weather was so bad that she returned to Mooresville Monday.

—The little singing birds have been killed daily with shot. It makes us feel sad to see such cruelty. Let the birds live and increase. They are sweet songsters and do no harm. Boys think how cruel it is to shoot innocent birds, and then quit such sport.

—The dwelling house, formerly occupied by Ruben Farthing, at the mouth of North Fork of Cove Creek, was burned Saturday night. The house had not been occupied for some time and the burning must have been by some evil person.

—We would have clipped from the Topic some items of the death of Dr. Beall, but we are now filled up. We always regretted Dr. Beall as an excellent man. He was sound religiously and politically, and we feel the loss of men who are able to lead others in the proper path of life. Dr. Beall had the best interests of his country at heart. He was a fearless defender of the right. Caldwell county justly mourns his departure from their midst.

—Jas. McCurry and Neila Ruten; Jas. Deavenport and Oma Greer; Jack Campbell and Martha Greer, were married at Zionville last Friday. Prospects are bright for more in the near future. No doubt this affair had something to do in bringing about the snow storm Sunday night.

—We would just like to ask Brother Scott more about that baby affair that "F. M." writes about, when he called on Cleveland. The writer must have been a rusty old bachelor, or he would have known better how to hold a crying baby. Little Ruth must have been roughly handled the way she screamed.

—Brother Scott, of the Topic, and the Progressive Farmer are still digging at each other yet, but are not so beligerant as at first. Brother Scott is not "a gold bug," and we are ready to swear this any time; but he is as sound as "a dollar of our daddie's" on the financial question. Like we, he wants more money, and wants it sound, so that it will buy anything for Christmas without depreciation.

—Maj. G. W. F. Harper of Lenoir, writes us a very complimentary letter about the DEMOCRAT, which makes us feel proud, coming from such a source, and to make it still interesting to us he sends us a dollar to pay in advance for the next year. We have other subscribers who do not neglect us but not enough to keep up our expenses, and we are very grateful for such good friends and hope that more will respond before Christmas in the same way.

—We see from the Topic, taken from the "Wilkesboro Chronicle" a statement to the effect that J. G. Hardin, Deputy Collector of Ashe Co. had been murdered in Wilkes. We are glad to state that the report is absolutely false in all particulars. Collector Hardin was in Boone Saturday—was full alive and no wounds upon him. Mr. Hardin is a good fellow and ought never to be killed.

—We are requested, by Rev. Mr. Hendrix, to state that the discussion between himself and Rev. Mr. Sherwood was declared off. Rev. Sherwood having declined to discuss. We are rather glad that there will be no debate between these two preachers on account of the bitterness and confusion it would probably engender. We think such discussions produce more harm than good and turn out to be unprofitable. Let the brethren dwell together in peace.

## FROM CLIFTON

For the Democrat.  
Mr. J. W. Jones began his school at the Clifton school house the 16 inst. with a very large attendance.

Mr. Jerry Miller has been quite sick with lagrippe for several days.

Mr. George Osborn passed this week with a fine drove of mules and horses, enroute to the southern market.

John Graybeal Esq., of Sutherland, has bought the J. F. Jones farm near here and is moving to it.

A. E. Banuar has moved to the G. Brewer farm.

Mr. G. H. Donnelly, traveling salesman for the Spencer Medicine Co. of Greenville Tenn. has returned after spending several months in South Carolina.

The recent high winds almost totally wrecked the Baptist church at Pine Grove and also a new Methodist

church above here was blown down.

The farmers are about done gathering corn, the crop being very good.

Thomas Bowers (Col.) says he is the richest nigger about here in the way of cattle and corn.

There are two bachelors living near here who have lived together for the last twenty five years, and it is said that they have never been absent from each other but one night in all these many years, and that night neither of them slept any. They have never been known to keep company with a lady, except one of them went with a girl one time, and this caused an unpleasant feeling between the parties in question, but finally everything became quiet, and they promised each other that they never would be caught in company with a lady again, and they have kept their word.  
L. E.  
Nov. 28, '91.

## Never Run into Debt.

Among the many good things which Horace Greeley wrote for the New York Ledger is the following vivid article on the misery of being in debt:

To be hungry, ragged and penniless, is not pleasant; but this is nothing to the horror of bankruptcy. All the wealth of Rothschilds would be a poor recompense for a five years' struggle, with consciousness that you had taken the money or property of trusting friends—promising to return or pay for it when required, and had betrayed their confidence through insolvency.

I dwell on this point, for I would deter others from entering that place of torment. Half the young men in the country, with many old enough to know better, would "go into business"—that is, into debt—tomorrow if they could.

For my own part—and I speak from sad experience—I would rather be a convict in a State prison, a slave in a rice swamp, than pass through life under the harrow of a debt. Let no young man misjudge himself unfortunately, truly poor, so long as he has full use of his limbs and faculties and substantially free from debt.

Hunger, cold, rags, hard work, contempt, suspicion, unjust reproach, are disagreeable; but debt is infinitely worse than them all. And if it had pleased God to spare either or all of my sons to be the support and solace of my declining years, the lesson which I should have most earnestly sought to impress upon them, is: "Never run into debt! Avoid pecuniary obligation as you would avoid pestilence or famine. If you have but fifty cents, and can get no more for a week, buy a peck of corn, parch it, and live on it, rather than owe any man a dollar!"

Of course I know that some men must do business that involves risks, and must give notes and other obligations; and I do not consider him really in debt who can lay his hands directly on the means of paying at some little sacrifice all he owes. I speak of real debt—which involves risk or sacrifice on the one side, obligations and dependence on the other—and I say, from all such let every youth humbly pray God to preserve him ever more. Charles Demarest.

## ITEMS FROM BLOWING ROCK.

Our village was shocked to learn of the sad death of little Joe Tenge, which occurred last Thursday evening. It seems that he and his father, Mr. James Tenge, were cutting wood near their house and that a large tree was burning near by. The burning tree fell and a limb struck the boy, crushing his skull, killing him instantly.

We are pained to hear of the death of Mr. Brady, which occurred at the home of his son's in Charlotte last Friday morning. Mr. Brady was a citizen of this place. His wife runs the popular Fairview Hotel, and he had many friends in this vicinity.

Mr. Bland Dougherty, of your town, is teaching our public school, and is giving entire satisfaction.

The school at Skyland Academy, is also prospering this winter, having fifty or sixty pupils in attendance.

Rev. Mr. Cargile, of Alabama, preached a fine sermon at the Presbyterian Church last Saturday night.

Mr. W. E. Clarke left for the South with some cattle this morning.  
Dec. 1st '91.

## NOTICE

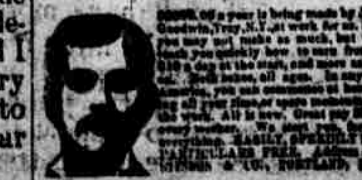
On the 22nd day of Dec., 1891, at 12 a. m. we will offer for sale, to the highest bidder, the school house, known as the Three Fork Institute, near W. W. D. Edmisten's. Property to be sold at the door of said house, and on six months time, with note and approved security. Dec. 1st '91.  
A. S. Edmisten, John Elrod Trustees.

State of North Carolina,  
County of Watauga.  
I, C. J. Cottrell, Clerk of the Board of Co. Com's, do hereby certify that the following is a true statement of the No. of days that each member of the Board of Co. Com's. has served, and the No. of miles traveled by each member of said Board during the last 12 months, beginning Dec. the 1st, 1890, and ending November the 30th 1891, according to their account on file in my office.

J. E. Finley, chm. bd. coms. served chairman 29 days at \$2.00 per day. \$58.00.  
Served 6 days a special Fin Com at \$2.00 12.00.  
Traveled 220 miles at 5 cents per mile. 11.00.  
Total amount: \$81.00  
J. H. Mast served 28 1/2 days as a member of said board at \$2.00 per day. \$57.00.  
Traveled 196 miles at 5 cents per mile. 9.80.  
Total amount: \$66.80.

W. W. Presnell served 29 1/2 days as a member of said Bd. at \$2.00 per day \$59.00.  
Traveled 112 miles at 5 cents per mile 5.60.  
Total amount: \$64.60.  
Grand total \$212.40.  
C. J. Cottrell, Clerk Bd. Coms.

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Ladies button shoes price 3.50 worth 4.50.  
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Ladies button shoes price 2.50 worth 3.50.  
Ladies button shoes price 2.25 worth 3.25.  
Ladies button shoes price 1.75 worth 2.25.  
Ladies button shoes price 1.25 worth 1.50.  
Ladies button shoes price 1.15 worth 1.40.  
Ladies button shoes price 1.00 worth 1.50.  
Ladies Grain Lace Shoes price 1.00 worth 1.50.  
Ladies Lace Shoes price 75c worth 1.00.  
Children's shoes all sizes and prices.

Men's fine Congress and Lace shoes price 5.00 worth 6.00.

Men's fine lace price 4.50 worth 5.50.

Men's lace shoes price 4.00 worth 5.00.

Men's lace shoes price 3.50 worth 4.50.

Men's lace shoes, price 3.00 worth 4.00.

Men's lace shoes price 2.50 worth 3.00.

Men's lace shoes price 1.75 worth 2.25.

Men's lace shoes price 1.25 worth 1.50.

Men's hunting lace boots price 6.00 worth 8.00.

Men's hunting lace boots price 5.00 worth 7.00.

Men's kip boots price 3.25 worth 4.00.

Men's Kip boots price 2.50 worth 3.50.

Men's heavy tap soled boots price 2.50 worth 3.00.

Men's heavy tap soled boots price 1.50 worth 2.25.

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Oct. 18, 1891.

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